



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3906-99

15 November 1999

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 9 November 1999. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found you enlisted in the Navy on 23 December 1985 at the age of 17. Your record reflects that you served for three years and three months without incident but on 7 March 1989 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for use of marijuana. The punishment imposed was reduction to paygrade E-3, restriction and extra duty for 45 days, and forfeitures totalling \$894.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. At that time you elected to waive your rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board. On 14 March 1989 the discharge authority directed your commanding officer to issue you an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 25 March 1989 you were so discharged.

On 7 July 1996 the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) upgraded the characterization of your discharge to general under honorable

conditions based on a combination of the quality of your service prior to your NJP and your good post service conduct.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity, good post service conduct, and your contentions that you would like your discharge upgraded to honorable. However, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the characterization of your discharge given your drug related misconduct. Given all the circumstances of your case, the Board concluded your discharge was proper as issued and no change is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director